

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 791  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize the Bartlett Performing Arts and Conference Center for its cultural contributions to our State and to offer our congratulations on its 100th performance.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize those fine institutions that bring the joys of artistic expression and culture to the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Bartlett Performing Arts and Conference Center (BPACC) is one such estimable institution that is making a substantial contribution to the cultural fabric of this State and is advancing the Bartlett community in myriad ways; the BPACC will celebrate its 100th performance on January 31 of this year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to bringing cultural enlightenment to the citizens of Bartlett, the BPACC has provided an optimal space for conferences, meetings, training sessions, banquets, weddings and receptions, graduations, birthday parties, and new church gatherings; and

WHEREAS, broadening the community's definition of cultural arts began with the very first performance at BPACC; the Brass Quintet from the Bartlett Community Concert Band performed as a part of a fundraising campaign while the facility was still under construction; and

WHEREAS, the first official event took place on April 10, 1999 when the premier graduating class of the Youth Leadership program held its ceremony in the BPACC; and

WHEREAS, the numerous acts and performances held at the BPACC include community theater, community band, Lucy Opry, and dance studio shows in addition to the performance of over 75 different shows; with the help of good publicity, the 350-seat hall regularly sells-out for performances; and

WHEREAS, enhancing the economic development of Bartlett, the popularity of the BPACC often draws non-Bartlett residents to the community, some coming from as far as London, England; and

WHEREAS, the devoted staff of BPACC consists of Director Ron Jewell, two full-time staff, two part-time staff; and the 10 people who staff the Volunteer Board; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, over 100 people have volunteered their time and talents to the BPACC, serving in everything from ushering to concession sales; and

WHEREAS, as the Bartlett Performing Arts and Conference Center approaches its fifth anniversary, the celebration of its 100th performance is a reflection of the alacrity and dedication of the staff and the community of Bartlett; the occasion will be marked by the performance of *The Spencers: Theatre of Illusion*; and

WHEREAS, the Bartlett Performing Arts and Conference Center has garnered applause from the arts community of our nation and brought honor to the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby join with the administration, staff, and volunteers of the Bartlett Performing Arts and Conference Center in celebrating its invaluable contributions to our State and its cultural landscape, offer our congratulations on its 100th performance, thank the good people associated with the Center for their service to Tennessee, and wish them every future success in all their cultural endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.